

1995 PREFACE

This volume contains the Charter and Code of the Town of Easton, as revised. The version previously published by the National Institute of Municipal Law Offices (NIMLO) was used as a starting point. Code and Charter changes subsequent to the NIMLO publication have been included. The precedents as practices established with the NIMLO publication have been continued.

This project of the Town, publishing its own Code and Charter arose from repeated discussions between Christopher B. Kehoe, Town Attorney and Robert F. Karge, Town Clerk. The previous publication has numerous supplements issued due to amendments which caused the document to be too large for the covers. The supplements were issued every few years and the result was that the Code and Charter were continually out of date. With the advent of personal computers and word processing capabilities, it was decided that the best course was to publish the Code and Charter by this method. The document is available to be searched electronically, updated immediately and costs have been held to a minimum.

Robert F. Karge
Town Clerk
February 24, 1995

1967 PREFACE

This volume contains the Charter of the Town of Easton, as revised, and those ordinances of a general and permanent nature passed prior to January 1, 1967, as were found desirable for retention, except those ordinances expressly saved from repeal by the Adopting Ordinance. Special ordinances, i.e., ordinances dealing with a portion of the Town's inhabitants rather than all of them, or relating to special purposes, such as ordinances levying special assessments, providing for bond issues, paving, vacating and opening streets and public ways, and other single-purpose ordinances are not included herein.

The Charter provisions and ordinances have been classified as to subject matter and, in some instances, edited and revised. Every effort has been exerted to make Easton's Charter and Code comprehensive in scope and lucid in meaning.

As will be noted, the Code chapters have been arranged in alphabetical order, and the various sections within each article of the Charter and each chapter of the Code have been appropriately catchlined to facilitate usage. Appropriate footnotes have been provided which tie related sections of the Code together and which also refer to correlative Charter provisions and relevant state laws.

Attention is also directed to the analysis preceding each chapter of the Code which, in many instances, serves as an index within itself. The general index which appears at the end of the Code, has been carefully prepared and should serve to facilitate speedy and complete reference to the contents of the Charter and Code. An additional feature is the historical citations which appear at the end of each section of the Charter and Code, thus enabling the user to ascertain the Charter provision or ordinance from which the present section has been derived.

The numbering system used in this Code is the one in use in most state and municipal codes. Each section number consists of two component parts separated by dash, the figure before the dash referring to the chapter number and the figure after the dash referring to the position of the section within the chapter. Thus the first section of Chapter 1 is number 1-1 and the thirteenth section of Chapter 17 is 17-13. Under this system each additional section or sections can be inserted in their proper places, simply by using the decimal system. For instance, if new material consisting of three sections that would logically come between Section 9-9 and 9-10 is desired to be added, such new Sections would be numbered 9-9.1, 9-9.2 and 9-9.3 respectively. New chapters may be included by the addition of a capital letter after the chapter number, i.e., if the new material is to be included between Chapters 18 and 19, it will be designated as Chapter 18A. New articles and new divisions may be placed at the end of the Chapter embracing the subject and, in the case of divisions, may be placed at the end of the articles embracing the subject, the next successive number being assigned to the article or division.

A feature to which the attention of the user is directed is the loose-leaf system of binding and up-keep servicing which this system provides ensuring a code which is constantly kept up to date.

The National Institute of Municipal Law Officers (NIMLO) wishes to express its appreciation for the cooperation of all the Easton Town officials and employees during the preparation of this publication. Particular appreciation is due to the following persons: L. Clark Ewing, Town Attorney; William H. Corkran Jr., Town Engineer; m. Evelyn Startt, Town Clerk; and Lloyd D. Kendall, Member of the NIMLO staff.

This volume was prepared by NIMLO under the general supervision of Charles S. Rhyne, General Council.

